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AQUATICS.

The first match of note decided on the Tyne this season was pulled on Saturday last, from the High Level-bridge, to the Meadows House, a distance of nearly two miles, between J. Bright and J. Bell, of St. Lawrence, Newcastle, for a stake of 20 sovs. The agreement was to row in long boats, the property of Mr. J. Hall, and to toss for choice of sides.

The day was not altogether suitable, but as the disposition of Father Tyne was mild in comparison, the rivals were, of course, not subjected to the buffeting and ill-treatment only too frequently experienced by more notable oarsmen. There was a numerous concourse of the public stationed along the route, and the two bridges, as well as other convenient situations, were unusually thronged. There was immense delay at the scratch; it was probable that both were either frightened or would not start for the purpose. Upwards of half an hour was thus wasted, and at a few minutes after four p.m. they made a simultaneous stroke, and afterwards settled down to business in right earnest. The contest point, for the simple reason that after Stimmerham had been passed the race was literally no race at all—only the usual game of "follow my leader," when all excitement ceases. Bell having the north side, was the favourite, it is 4 being laid freely. The betting proved contrary to the men's merits, as the favourite was vastly inferior in many important considerations to his rival. The contest at the beginning was tidily disputed. Bell, however, made a blunder immediately afterwards, Bright made the best of the mishap, and went ahead. At Davidson's Mill he (Bright) led by half a length. At the Bottle House Quay Bell was one length in the rear; afterwards his chance was up. Bright went right away with the lead, and, improving his good looks during the distance, went in a winner by six lengths easily. Mr. J. Hall was referee.

ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB.
The following is the sailing programme of this distinguished club for the ensuing week:—Opening Trip, Saturday, May 28; Yacht to assemble off the Union Yacht Club House, Gravesend, at 11 p.m., under the orders of the commodore. The commodore will hoist his flag on board the Water Lily. Dinner at half-past six o'clock precisely. First match, Tuesday, May 31: For cutters of the class, any tonnage exceeding provided four start, a prize value £100, and value £50 for the second boat. Third-class, exceeding 12 and not exceeding 20 tons. Prize value £40, and provided four start, a prize value £20 to go to the second boat. Course: first-class from Gravesend round the Mouse, and return; third-class, from Gravesend round the Mouse, and return. Half a minute per ton for difference of tonnage in each class. Entries to close at 10 p.m. on Monday, 23rd of May. Second (Ocean) Match, Saturday, June 4: For schooners, cutters, and yawls (draws to class with schooner); open to all Royal Yacht Club. First prize, value £80; second prize, value £50; third prize to be won by a schooner or yawl, second prize to be given to first cutter to sail with the usual string, in ordinary cruising trim, to the satisfaction of the committee; ordinary boats to be carried; a pilot, but no extra hands allowed. Three friends allowed. Course, from the

Thames to Harwich. Entries to close at 10 p.m. on Friday, the 3rd of June. The question of whether any time shall be allowed for tonnage in this race is in abeyance. Third match, Wednesday, June 15: For cutters of the second and fourth classes. Second-class, exceeding 20 and not exceeding 35 tons, prize value £50, and provided four start, a prize value £20 to the second boat. Fourth class, 7 and not exceeding 12 tons, prize value £30, and a prize value £10 to the second boat if four start. Half a minute per ton allowed for difference of tonnage. Course: From Gravesend round the Nore, and return. Entries to close at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, the 8th of June. Fourth (Schooner) Match, Thursday, June 16: Open to schooners belonging to any Royal Yacht Club. First-class, exceeding 100 tons, prize value £100; second class, not exceeding 100 tons, prize value £50. Course: Gravesend round the Mouse Light, and return to Gravesend. Entries to close on Wednesday, the 8th June, at 10 p.m. The reservation of time allowance is in this, as in the Ocean Match, in abeyance. Owing to the great demand by gentlemen for admission into this club, the rule for limiting the number of members to 500 has been extended to 1,000, and the entrance fee for non-yacht owners increased from 12 to 20 guineas, and for those possessing yachts from 8 to 14 guineas. Lord Alfred Paget and Lord De Ross have been unanimously re-elected.

ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB.
The sailing committee have determined upon the following programme for the forthcoming season:—Saturday, May 7th, opening trip. Monday, May 20th, first-class match, for a piece of plate, value 60 guineas, for the first boat, and £10 for second; course, from Erith to the Nore Light and back; entries to close May 20th. Tuesday, June 14th, second and third-class matches; second-class a piece of plate, value 30 guineas, for the first boat, £10 for the second; course, Erith to the Nore Light and back. Third-class, piece of plate, value 20 guineas, for the first boat, £5 for the second; course, from Erith to the Chapman Head and back. Entries for both races to close on Wednesday, June 8th.

WRESTLING.

THE NEWCASTLE Eastern wrestling and Great Northern games, will be held on Easter Monday and Tuesday, March 28th and 29th, as usual, in the wrestling grounds, near the Shot Tower, Scalloway-road. £150 will be given in prizes for wrestling and other exercises, £100 of which will be open to the world. £20 will be given to Lord Decies for Northumberland men, and the Decies Champion Prize for 52 pick-men, as before. Lord Decies will also present the winner of the champion prize two years in succession, with a handsome silver-mounted belt, and the society will add £5 the same. The winner of the belt in 1862 will be excluded. Handicap foot races, four times round the ring, about a quarter of a mile, for which £22 will be given; entries, 1s each; acceptance, 2s, each extra; to be made at Mr. Jamieson's, Phoenix-land, News-office, up to the 21st inst, inclusive. The customary sport will also take place, and as the entries for the whole are even better than formerly, one of the best gatherings may be confidently anticipated.

CHARGE HUNGUS.—On Friday evening, the 4th inst, the fingers of St. Gabriel's, Pinlicko, ascended the tower and rang a muffled peal as a last token of respect to Mr. Henry Deane, of Elbury-street, Pinlicko, many years a respected member of the above company, who died on the 29th day of February last, in the 34th year of his age. The ringers were: W. Seymour, treble; W. Shaw, 2nd; P. Kendall, 3rd; J. Mason, 4th; W. Webb, 5th; G. Hunt, 6th; T. Salisbury, 7th; G. Redgrave, tenor. Conducted by W. Seymour.

THE CHASE.—On Thursday last the North Warwickshire hounds met at Stoneleigh. When in chase, after crossing the Kenilworth-road and pointing for Woodcote, an unfortunate circumstance happened while the hounds were crossing the railway from Leamington to Coventry, a train ran into the middle of the pack, killing one hound and injuring another.



PETER MORRIS, OF BIRMINGHAM.

THE WELL-KNOWN PUGILISTIC LIGHT-WEIGHT.

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CRICKET.

MARYLEBONE CLUB MATCHES, 1864.

May 11, Cambridge—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 May 16, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 May 19, Oxford—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Oxford.
 May 24, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 May 30, Lord's—The Two Elephants (for the benefit of Cricketers' Fund).
 June 2, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 6, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 14, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 18, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 20, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 22, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 23, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 27, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 June 29, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge (return).
 July 4 (probable), Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 July 7 (probable), Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 July 11, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 July 14, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 July 18, Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 July 21 (probable), Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 July 23 (probable), Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 July 28 (probable), Lord's—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 Aug 8, Canterbury—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 Aug 10, Canterbury—M.C.C. and Ground v University of Cambridge.
 *To depend upon the return of the Australian Twelve.

COUNTY OF SURREY.

May 10, Oval—11 Colts (with a captain) v 12 Gentlemen.
 May 23, Oval—Surrey Club v South Wales Club.
 May 26, Oval—Surrey v Sussex.
 June 2, Oval—Surrey v Cambridge University.
 June 16, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 June 23, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 June 27, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 June 30, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 July 4, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 July 7, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 July 11, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 July 14, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.

MATCHES FOR 1864.

June 12, at Nottingham—Kent v Nottingham.
 June 20, at Brighton—Kent v Sussex.
 June 27, at Kent—Gentlemen of Kent v. Gentlemen of Sussex.
 July 7, at Gravesend—Kent v Surrey.
 July 18, at Tunbridge Wells—Gentlemen of Kent v. Gentlemen of South Wales.
 July 21, at Tunbridge Wells—Kent v Nottinghamshire. Return match.
 July 25, at Kennington Oval—Kent v Surrey. Return match.
 July 28, at Folkestone—Kent v Sussex. Return match.
 July 23, at Brighton—Gentlemen of Kent v. Gentlemen of Sussex. Return match.

EAST SURREY CLUB.—On Saturday evening the first general meeting of the members of this club was held at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Peckham, and there was a very good attendance. Mr. T. Winterlock presided. The first business was the enrolling of 16 new members, after which the hon. secretary (Mr. J. K. City) read the report of the committee for the first season, which stated that on the whole they felt much pleasure in presenting it, as they were able to congratulate the members on the increasing prosperity of the club. Last year the club played 15 matches, winning 10, losing 3, and 2 were left drawn. The reception of the report was postponed till the accounts were audited, for which purpose three gentlemen agreed to perform that duty and meet on the 19th instant. Among the arrangements for the forthcoming season, the following matches are in contemplation:—Kennington Park, Richmond, Guy's Hospital, N.Y.C. Civil Service, King's College, Blackheath, Paragon, and Parkhead clubs. Among the second-class matches are the Wanderers, Grosvenor, Clarence, and others under consideration. The following were elected officers for the year:—President, the Earl of Stamford and Warrington; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Cleary and H. S. Strachan; captain, Mr. T. Winterlock; treasurer and hon. secretary, Mr. J. K. City; committee—Messrs. E. W. E. J. Athawes, W. H. Daly, G. R. Harrison, T. Denne, I. W. Parsley, J. R. Martin, W. J. Frayling, and W. Cross.

THE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of members of this recently-formed club was held on the 1st inst., at the club-house, Mr. J. Stephens, Ticket Porter, Taverne, Arthur-street, London-bridge, and was most numerously attended. The president, Mr. T. Yoda, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, after which several new members were enrolled. It was then arranged that the club should play an opening match against themselves on Friday, on their ground at Dulwich, and it was also agreed that challenges should be sent to several specified clubs. Mr. H. Veckins, the hon. secretary, said it was his pleasing duty to inform the meeting that their numbers now amounted to about 60, a success which might be attributed, in a great measure, to the hall given at the Horns' Assembly-room, Kennington, last Christmas, which was the means of introducing 20 new members, likewise of leaving a surplus of £25, which would be added to the club funds.

Spliffelds; and the competitors, who had been fairly put together according to their antecedents, were drawn to run in the undermentioned order:—First heat: Riley, 71 yds start; Walker, 10; Barton, 12. A good race, finishing in heat: Riley being the winner by two yards; Walker second. Second heat: How, 71 yds start; Beckwith, 10; Phillips, 18. A rattling race, and Phillips the winner by a couple of yards; Beckwith second. Third heat: Blanford, 8 yds start; Mills, 10; Laidkins, 14. Blanford, as they neared the goal, worked his way to the front and went in a winner by two yards; Mills finished second. Fourth heat: Hancock, 81 yds start; Small, 11; Whitmore, 12. Small won easily, Whitmore passing the goal next in rotation. Fifth heat: Weston, 81 yds start; Baskins, 9; Richards, 11. Won easily by Weston; Baskins second. Sixth heat: Reed, 81 yds start; Setterfield, 11; Spill, 10. Won by Setterfield, who defeated Spill with considerable ease; Reed third. Seventh heat: Harrison, 11 yds start; Foster, 11; Old Blanford, 14. The lead was held by Blanford, who won by two yards; Foster second. Eighth heat: Young, 8 yds start; Davis, 11; Steel, 12. This Foster second, in the preparatory trials, again came together to contend thus:—First heat: Weston, 81 yds start; Small, 11; Old Blanford, 14. A finely-contested race, and Weston the winner by half a yard; Blanford second. Second heat: R. Blanford, 8 yds start; Riley, 71; Phillips, 13. The lead was maintained by Phillips from end to end, and he proved the winner of a well-contested race by half a yard; Riley second. Third heat: Steel, 12; Phillips, 13. These men, after due time had been allowed them to make ready, came together as the three "top men" to run off for the prize, and after a well-contested race, Steel finished the winner by half a yard; Weston, who ran with him splendidly to the goal, being second; and Phillips third.

PHILLIPS AND BLANDFORD.—These pedestrians, who contended in the above handicap, afterwards made an impromptu match to run 100 yds for a small stake, which, after a good race, was won by Blanford.

The handicap walking match of three miles, for a silver cup, was won by Topley with ease, and this terminated the proceedings.

OLD BRIMPTON.

WEST LONDON CRICKET GROUND, MONDAY—FENTON AGAINST HURT.—The quarter of a mile match, for £10 a side, between Fenton and Corporal Hurt, took place on the afternoon of the above day in the presence of a very decent company, who availed themselves of the signal feature of the Fugate Defence Fund Benefit in order to witness something in the way of sport. The betting was 5 to 4 on Fenton. Soon after five o'clock the men came to the post and started themselves, by mutual consent, after Fenton had won the toss for choice of sides. The latter mentioned pick had one of the most favourable starts ever noticed, and bolted away in right earnest fashion for exactly half the distance. Here Fenton put the steam, and before the pair entered the straight run in, they were nearly shoulder to shoulder. One of the final



HUNTING SKETCHES.—No. 6.—"THE DEATH."

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July 18, Brighton—Surrey v Sussex.
 July 21, Oval—Surrey v Middlesex.
 July 26, Oval—Surrey v Kent.
 July 28, Nottingham—Surrey v Nottinghamshire.
 Aug 1, Sheffield—Surrey v Yorkshire.
 Aug 5, Oval—Gentlemen of Surrey Club v Wimbledon.
 Aug 16, Oval—Surrey v Hampshire.
 Aug 19, Southampton—Surrey v Hampshire.
 Aug 22, Oval—Surrey v South of England.
 Aug 25, Southgate—Surrey Club v Southgate.

COUNTY OF SUSSEX.

May 15—Nine Gentlemen of Sussex (with two professionals) v the Young Players of the County.
 June 2, Oval—Sussex v Surrey.
 June 20, Brighton—Sussex v Kent.
 June 27, Kent—Sussex Gentlemen v Kent Gentlemen.
 July 4, Southampton—Sussex v Hants.
 July 7, Southampton—Gentlemen of Sussex v Gentlemen of Hants.
 July 18, Brighton—Sussex v Surrey (return).
 July 21, Brighton—Gentlemen of Sussex v Gentlemen of South Wales.
 July 28, in Kent—Sussex v Kent (return).
 Aug 5, Brighton—Sussex v Hants (return).
 Aug 11, Brighton—Gentlemen of Sussex v Gentlemen of Hants (return).
 Aug 15 (probable)—Sussex v Middlesex.
 Aug 18, Brighton—Gentlemen of Sussex v Quindens (with amateur theatricals).
 Aug 25, Brighton—Gentlemen of Sussex v Gentlemen of Kent (return).

NOTTINGHAM COUNTY CLUB.

Turn celebrated cricketing county has arranged the fixtures, and made the following:
 May 15, at Nottingham—Nottingham v. Kent.
 June 23, at Nottingham—Nottingham v. Yorkshire.
 July 4, at Kennington Oval—Nottingham v. Surrey.
 July 21, at Tunbridge Wells—Nottingham v. Surrey. Return match.
 July 25, at Nottingham—Nottingham v. Surrey. Return match.
 August, at Bradford—Nottingham v. Yorkshire. Return match.
 August 25, at Nottingham—The County Eleven v. Twenty-two "Colts" of the County.

KENT COUNTY CLUB.

The programme of matches for this county is not yet fully completed, several others being in contemplation, but those at present having the nature of general are the following:—

PEDESTRIANISM.

12—Brotherick and Cooper—100 yds, £10 a side, St. Thomas's, Stanningley.
 12—Filton and Radcliffe—to run four miles, £10 a side, Higginshaw Grounds, Oldham, Filton to have 40 yds start.
 12—Garfield and Maxwell—120 yds, £10 a side, St. George's, Hoveley.
 12—Langley and Thompson—400 yds, £20 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
 12—West London Rowing Club Athletic Sports, Brompton.
 12—Barron and Bates—20 yds, £5 a side, Bates to have one yard start, Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester.
 14—Barnard and White—to walk two miles, £15 a side, Brompton.
 14—Landon and Shotton—100 yds, £10 a side, High Park, Fenton.
 14—Seal and Wright—100 yds, £10 a side, near Barton Turning.
 14—Hagth and Penney—300 yds, £25 a side, St. George's, Hoveley.
 14—Green and Thompson—400 yds, £20 a side, St. Thomas's, Stanningley.
 14—Alison and Beckford—400 yds, £25 a side, City Grounds, Manchester.

HACKNEY WICK.

METROPOLITAN RACE GROUNDS.—WHITE LION, SATURDAY. Mr. Bam's well-known enclosure was well frequented on Saturday afternoon, in consequence of the under-mentioned events being announced for decision:—
 Hurry and Hurst.—The 400 match—distance 400 yds—between these pedestrians was the first on the carpet, and when both showed a head at the scratch they looked in excellent condition. By agreement, Hurry had the advantage of a dozen yards' start, as it was imagined by the backers that this allowance would about bring the two together. Hurst made active tracks in the rear of his opponent, and fairly came within a few yards of his stern, and in this position they entered the straight for home, when both struggled in a very game manner. Hurry held his own right gallantly, and cleared the goal a winner by nearly a brace of yards.

CLEMENTS AND MALE.—The one-mile cup held by Young Male was then contended for by him and Clements. Being made 10 to 8 on the holder, an excellent start was effected, and both rattled away in good earnest. Male went to the van, and kept the game alive until the straight run was reached. Here Clements made his effort, overhauled his man, and gained a signal victory by two yards. The cup now becomes Clements' own property.
 Monday.—The East and division of "sports," who usually patronise these well-frequented grounds, again attended in goodly number, on Monday, when the undermentioned events came off in a very satisfactory manner:—
 Hampshire Race of 100 Yds.—This was for money prizes given by the contest for, by Mr. Wakefield, "host" of the Grey Eagle, Grey Eagle-street,

and defeated Fenton very cleverly by above a yard.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The inauguration of Oxford and Cambridge sports took place on the Saturday at Christ Church Cricket Ground, Oxford, in presence of a very large number of spectators. The numerous task of referee was intrusted to Mr. J. Stephens, Cambridge, and the programme contained eight events for the candidates. The proceedings commenced with the 100 Yards Flat Race, in which the part of Cambridge, and R. Darbyshire, by Latham, and H. C. Jolly, were the candidates being Messrs. A. Harrison, Trinity, and W. T. Wayne, Trinity, were the part of Cambridge, and R. Darbyshire, by Latham, and H. C. Jolly, were the candidates being Harrison, at the finish landed himself the winner by half a yard, and 10 seconds.

The high jump was the next. The first trial was at 4 feet 6 inches, which was won by Messrs. Osborne, Trinity, and Catty, Christ's, on the part of Cambridge, and Gooch, Merton, and Wyatt Smith, Trinity, on behalf of Oxford, cleared with ease. The height from this point was gradually raised by inches, and at 5 feet 6 inches only remained in, the two having left the others some four or five inches behind. The increase of 6 inches in the style, was declared the trial, Osborne, who failed, and Gooch, clearing it in the style, was declared the winner amidst great cheering. Mr. Gooch further displayed his ability by clearing 5 feet 6 inches, and Darbyshire, Wadham, and Hepp, Trinity, were the competitors for Cambridge, and Darbyshire, Wadham, and Hepp, Trinity, were the competitors for Oxford. 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close at home. Time, 251 seconds. The event of the day—the mile race—now came on. Mr. Lawes, of Trinity, and Mr. P. M. Thornton, of Jesus, were the selected of Cambridge; and Messrs. Hannam, Montre, Warman, Balliol, and Strepton, Queen's, appeared for Oxford. The course consisted of four laps, the start taking place opposite the Pavilion. After a little delay at the post, a good start was made, Mr. Hannam taking a slight lead, followed by Thornton; Lawes third; the others running abreast a few yards behind. Upon reaching the Pavilion, Thornton's colours showed in advance, an advantage he retained until entering the second lap, when Lawes went to the front, Hannam being in the rear. Hannam now passed his men and took second place (about five yards behind), and in this order they proceeded until entering the last lap, when, approaching the Pavilion, Hannam made a fine start, won by half a yard. Lawes, who had the inside turn, twenty yards, when Lawes, who had the inside turn, took the foremost position, and although Hannam made another effort fifty yards from home, he was unable to reach his fleet opponent from home, in a winner by four yards apparently little distressed, while Hannam was much exhausted. Mr. Thornton home. Time, 4 minutes 45 seconds.

A steep chase of about a mile and a half, over a stiff country, comprising a large brook and some good fences, was the last event in the programme, and brought together five runners, viz.: R. E. Webster and C. Garnett, both of Trinity, Cambridge; and Grant, Trinity; Wood, Pembroke; and Clive, Balliol, for Oxford. Clive and Wood made the running to the first fence, when Grant went to the front, and carried it on to the brook, which they all cleared in magnificent style. Upon going up the hill Garnett and Webster showed in advance, and continued the lead; but the latter, by a mistake at one of the fences, lost his position, thereby enabling Garnett to get a good first—a position he maintained throughout, notwithstanding that Mr. Webster put on an extraordinary spurt about 100 yds from home. Mr. Grant came in third, a long distance behind the Cantab. The result was received with deafening cheers, as it put the light blue on an equality with Oxford as regards the number of events, both having won four. The Cantab returned to Cambridge by special train the same evening, apparently much pleased with the success of their champions in the principal events. The winners will be presented with silver medals.

SHEFFIELD AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

ALL-ENGLAND NOTICE HANDICAP AT HYDE-PARK.—Perhaps the most interesting notice handicap that ever took place on the Hyde-park grounds was commenced there on Monday, under the management of Mr. W. Pitts, Old Black Boy, Ballylans, who gave £15 to be run for; distance, 155 yds; first prize, £12; second, £2; and third, £1. The entry was not nearly so large as on some occasions when the same person has catered, but it was abundant in quality, as the spirited battling fully testified. Hussick, a Sheffield lad (and previous winner), with 45 yds's start, was installed first favourite before the handicap commenced at 3 to 1, Malkin, Mackrey, Lookes, Corker, Webster, Liversidge, Preston, and Bramhall finding most favour, at prices varying from 5 to 12 to 1. The number of acceptors was 42, drawn in fourteen lots of three each. The spectators were exceedingly numerous, and this fact, coupled with the great speculation upon it, reminded us forcibly of the handicaps of this class some seven years ago, in Sanderson's time, when there was so much heavy betting. During the running of some of the early heats in this handicap the performers were considered by many who seemed to overlook the fact of the wind blowing right into the teeth of the runners, as being very moderate, and the favourite, Hussick, was reported to have been tried so highly, that offers on the field at any price were scarcely heard. The tenth heat, however, in which the favourite was engaged, proved that the wind had the same effect on him as the others, and after his running, he suddenly receded from 6 to 4 to 1, and when all the heats had been run on the first day, 4 to 1 was offered on the field, a circumstance of extremely rare occurrence, and Bramhall had most admirers at the price. The



MR. J. MOSEDALE AND HIS FAMOUS BITCH "NELL."

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY MR. J. RAWCLIFFE, BURNLEY.)

following is a return of the running:—First heat: G. Johnson, 49 yds start, beat T. Harper, 49; second; and A. Thorp, 50, third. Won easily. Second heat: J. Worthington, 47, beat T. Barker, Thorp, 45, beat E. Wood, Ferrybridge, 46, second; and E. Keeling, Limerick, 50. Won by ten yards. Fourth heat: W. Rosengdale, Leeds, 45, walked over. Fifth heat: W. Syddall, 50, beat C. Marriott, 49, easily. Syddall was put back a yard for leaving his mark before the pistol was fired. Sixth heat: G. Mackrey, 50, beat J. Bradbury, 48, second; and W. H. Jackson, 48, third. Won by a yard. Seventh heat: W. H. Jackson, 48, beat H. Lookes, 49, easily by a yard. Eighth heat: E. Carrington, 50, beat J. Gould, 50; and J. Turner, 50, third. Won easily. Ninth heat: S. Corker, 49, beat G. Liversidge, Mexborough, 48, second; and T. Collinson, Bradford, 48, third. Won by three yards. Tenth heat: J. Hussick, 48, beat J. Buckland, 47, second; and H. Fearn, 50, third. Won by two yards. Eleventh heat: T. Francis, 49, beat E. Dooley, 48. Won by half a yard. Twelfth heat: J. Braumell, 48, beat T. Higby, Castleford, 46, second; and W. Shaw, 49, third. Won by 10 yds. Thirteenth heat: H. Preston, Malton, 48, beat E. Rhodes, 50, second; and J. Robinson, 50, third. Won by eight yards. Fourteenth heat: W. Webster, 50, beat G. Childs, 50, second; and C. Skelton, 50, third. Won easily. Mr. Philip Carr officiated as referee, and Mr. C. Carr as starter.

Pitt's handicap was concluded on Tuesday, and resulted as follows:—Winners of first heats: Malkin, Johnson, Cooper, and Mackrey. Final heat: Malkin, first; Johnson, second; Mackrey, third. Won by three-quarters of a yard.

GREAT ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP AT HYDE-PARK, £200 OFFER.—Messrs. Boothroyd and Moller will give £200 to be run for on Whit-Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17, distance 225 yds, entrance 2s. 6d, and acceptance 5s. Entries to be made not later than Tuesday, April 19, at Mr. J. Moller's, Eagle and Child, Smithfield, Mr. J. Darby's, Green Dragon, Fargate; or at Hyde-park.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

FENNEL-PARK HUNTING GROUND.—The weather on Saturday last was disagreeable enough to provoke a riot in the minds of out-door sport enthusiasts. The wetting, drizzling rain continued to fall throughout the day, yet and in the face of a poor programme, a large number condescended to patronise the trio of races took place about 11.30 p.m., between A. Giles, of Scorton Delaval, and J. Ree, of Seghill, to run 300 yds, for £10 a side; betting, 6 and 7 to 4 on Ree; but as few spectators were on the ground to enjoy the struggle, there was very little speculation. The race was actually one of the most enjoyable we have witnessed at Fennel-park for some weeks, the contest throughout was evenly and splendidly disputed, our only regret being that both could not win, for surely a couple of pellets from the battle, Giles went away with the lead, and after about 30 yds had been covered, showed well in front, the pace was hot for the distance, yet Giles now and then put on the remaining steam, and at one point, could not have been less than 10 feet in the lead. Even with this lead the issue was no certainty, as the favourite kept huffing along with evident nonchalance, and it was only at the half-distance that Giles slackened speed. Ree, of course, was with him in quick steps, and from that point up to within 20 or 40 yds from the finish, a neck-and-neck race was the consequence. This piece of gameness was greatly relished by the spectators, and they cheered loudly. Nearing the goal, Ree began, very slowly however, to assume the lead, and gaining inch by inch, won, in the long run, by three feet at the most.

No. 2 was a novelty, inasmuch as the performers were chickens of eleven summers. Some may be inclined to condemn such practices, and we may be inclined to contradict. The practice, we dare say, is common enough; but heavy training, such as these youngsters had evidently undergone, could not possibly be beneficial or of value. The distance was 1-4 yds, for £10 a side, between D. Burton and an unknown (Kirkby, of Laworth). Betting, 7 to 4 and 3 to 1 on the latter, who went ahead at the outset, and kept the front position for 60 yds, when Burton passed him, a fine race for the money earned, resulting in the favourite being defeated by one yard in 15 sec.



THE LATE EARL FITZHARDING.

(FROM AN ORIGINAL PAINTING.)

pared him for this contest. All the preliminaries having been arranged, the two men, Quin and the challenger, were brought forward. The referee, Mr. Fox, was seated in the center of the ring, and the two men were placed in the center of the ring. The fight was a very close one, and the two men were both very much exhausted. The fight was a very close one, and the two men were both very much exhausted. The fight was a very close one, and the two men were both very much exhausted.

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mate argument and simple truthfulness—were unprovokedly, but with perfect truth, launched against the unfortunate head of, dear Sir, yours most truly,
Birkenhead, March 7, 1864.
R. D. H.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir,—I pen the following lines with the hope that your love of justice will cause you to insert them. What I am about to say is concerning Tom King, ex-champion of the World, who I think is a very good fighter, and who is a very good fighter. He is a very good fighter, and he is a very good fighter. He is a very good fighter, and he is a very good fighter.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir,—Having seen in your paper of March 5th, a letter from some one signing himself "A Lover of Fair Play" without regard to Nationality, greatly condemning Jack McDonald's conduct, as trainer and second of Heenan, in his last fight with King, I beg to place my humble opinion, being my own, in your paper. I am a very good fighter, and I am a very good fighter. I am a very good fighter, and I am a very good fighter.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir,—Would you be kind enough to give this insertion in your valuable paper. In your impression of to-day there is a letter from "Fair Play," which is a very good fighter, and it is a very good fighter. It is a very good fighter, and it is a very good fighter. It is a very good fighter, and it is a very good fighter.

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir,—In looking over your excellent paper of Saturday, I find another communication from your Dublin correspondent, who is a very good fighter, and it is a very good fighter. It is a very good fighter, and it is a very good fighter. It is a very good fighter, and it is a very good fighter.

MR WEBB AND SHANTON.—A further instalment of £2 a side has been handed in respect to this match, at Jim Dillon's, White Horse, Baldwin's, or Green's, Ring's Inn-road.

LIAM AND COXETER, or COXETER.—These lads have been doing good service, and are reported well and sanguine; but accident, the sporting committee of the ribbon city will have a scientific treat on Saint David's day.

PATSY MURPHY.—This well-known Liverpool pugilist has become the host of the living 500, 600, Oliver-street, New York.

LOCATING IN NEW YORK.—These English performers, who are now located in New York, have been matched to fight on the 10th inst. at the latest address, the date of battle had not been fixed.

THE BROTHERS.—These English performers, who are now located in New York, have been matched to fight on the 10th inst. at the latest address, the date of battle had not been fixed.

BUCK SHORT AND YOUNG STANTON.—The Sheffielders seem fully determined for a cent-in with regard to a renewal of masters pugilist. The above-named pugilists have to hold a side, catch-weight, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult.

WAR OF BATTLE.—Turk's Head, Truro, March 3rd, 1864.—Scoring in your issue of the 29th inst. of the "Shooting Star" pugilist, is open to fight Barclay Brown and stake £15 to £2, I beg to say the whole amount in the hands of John Geach, the Butcher can be the name of the pugilist, and I will send the money to your office, if you please.

YOUNG WEST AND TOM LARK, or BIRMINGHAM.—The 10th inst. match between these provincial boxers is going on right. £4 a side being already

ALF ASHFOOT (JACK PIPPS), of Birmingham, is sorry that he cannot accommodate G. Dixon, of the same place, for a week or two, but at the expiration of that time, Gordon can have a match, on his own terms. Pippin can be heard of at Rickerby's, Anchor, Sheep-street.

FRANK EDWARDS (TATTO) AND MARTIN DEFTY.—These men took a joint benefit on Monday last, at the house of Mr. George Othman, the Bridge Inn, which proved a very successful one. The pugilists were both very good, and the match was a very good one.

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THE MACE AND COBURN CONTESTS.

The intentions of both these celebrated boxers have been already set forth in our columns, and it is now only rests with Americans to say whether he will show his figure-head away from the White Horse, Grand-street, New York, or before the shores of Old Ireland. In referring more immediately to Mac, we find that he has been very much disappointed in the result of the fight, and that he has been very much disappointed in the result of the fight, and that he has been very much disappointed in the result of the fight.

THE LATE FIGHT AT WADSWORTH.

Our latest advice to the public, in the previous double, that we enter our protest against the late fight at Wadsworth, between King and Heenan, is now being received, and it is now being received, and it is now being received. The fight was a very close one, and the two men were both very much exhausted. The fight was a very close one, and the two men were both very much exhausted. The fight was a very close one, and the two men were both very much exhausted.

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